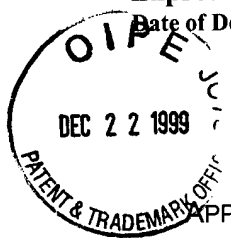


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SERIAL NUMBER : 09/417,386 EXAMINER : Not yet assigned  
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FOR : METHOD OF IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

***In the Specification:***

At the end of the application, please insert the SEQUENCE LISTING submitted concurrently herewith.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to incorporate the Sequence Listing, submitted concurrently herewith, into the above-identified patent application.

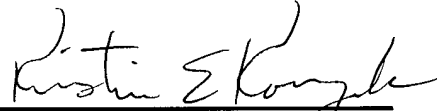
**CONCLUSION**

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a statement to this effect is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning this

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application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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